

### Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version, and listing, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Commercially viable process method for enhancing the isolation of glabridin from the roots of Glycyrrhiza glabra L., the method comprising: using solvent-solvent extraction and crystallization

a) treating Glycyrrhiza glabra (licorice) roots with at least one organic solvent or supercritical fluid to obtain Licorice produce an extract containing 4 wt% to 90 wt% glabridin[.,.]. from the roots of Glycyrrhiza glabra.

b) using non-chromatographic separation methods to obtain glabridin of purity 4 wt% to 90 wt% from the above extract.

Claim 2: (canceled)

Claim 3: (canceled)

Claim 4: (canceled)

Claim 5: (canceled)

Claim 6: (currently amended) A Composition containing Glabridin of claim 1 or claim 2, as tyrosinase inhibitor, in a concentration of 0.1% to 3% w/w, preferably in a concentration of 0.1% to 0.5% w/w of the composition, and in combination with at least one or more other tyrosinase inhibitors, selected from: Tetrahydrocurcumin, Tetrahydrodemethoxycurcumin, Tetrahydrobisdemethoxycurcumin, Curcumin, Demethoxycurcumin, Bisdemethoxycurcumin, Ellagic acid, Soy isoflavones, the total concentration of tyrosinase inhibitors being 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w, preferably 0.1% to about 0.5% w/w of the composition; with or without added antioxidants, agents that support skin texture, and/or sunscreen agents, and natural sunscreen boosters, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The composition in claim 6, wherein the containing Glabridin is present in an amount of 0.1% to 3% w/w, preferably in concentration of 0.1% to 0.5% w/w of the composition and one or more tyrosinase inhibitors selected from Tetrahydrocurcumin, Tetrahydrodemethoxycurcumin, Tetrahydrobisdemethoxycurcumin, Curcumin, Demethoxycurcumin, Bisdemethoxycurcumin.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The composition in claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors is a mixture of Glabridin and tetrahydrocurcumin,

~~tetrahydrodemethoxycurcumin, tetrahydrobisdemethoxy curcumin and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition are glabridin and soy isoflavones.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors ~~is a mixture of glabridin and tetrahydrocurcumin and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition are glabridin and ellagic acid.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors ~~is a mixture of Glabridin and tetrahydrodemethoxycurcumin and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition. The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors are Glabridin and ethyl-p-methoxycinnamate from Kaempferia galanga extract.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitors ~~is a mixture of Glabridin and tetrahydrobisdemethoxycurcumin and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition~~ said antioxidants include one or more of the following natural extracts: rosemary extract, grape seed extract, Terminalia chebula extract, amla (Emblica officinalis) extract, Withania somnifera extract, tomato extract.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitor ~~is a mixture of Glabridin, tetrahydrocurcumin and Soy Isoflavones and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition~~ said antioxidants include one or more of the following isolated compounds: rosmarinic acid, carnosic acid, rosmanol, escin, esculetin, green tea catechins, emblicanins, carotenoids, epicatechin, epicatechin gallate, epigallocatechin gallate, tannic acid, ascorbyl monopalmitate, decarboxycarnosine hydrochloride, gamma oryzanol, tocopherol and tocotrienols.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitor ~~is a mixture of Glabridin and Ellagic acid and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition~~ said sunscreen is selected from the group consisting of Titanium dioxide, zinc oxide.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the tyrosinase inhibitor ~~is a mixture of Glabridin and ethyl-p-methoxycinnamate from Galanga extract and wherein the mixture is present in an amount of 0.1% w/w to about 5% w/w preferable in an amount of 0.1 to 0.5% w/w of the composition~~ said sunscreen is selected from octyl methoxycinnamate, octyl salicylate.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said antioxidants ~~include one or more of the following natural extracts and/or natural/nature identical isolated compounds: rosemary extract, rosmarinic acid, carnosic acid, rosmanol, grape seed extract, escin, esculetin, green tea catechins, Terminalia chebula extract, amla (Emblica officinalis) extract, emblicanins, carotenoids, epicatechin, epicatechin gallate, epigallocatechin gallate, tannic acid, Withania somnifera extract, ascorbyl monopalmitate, tomato extract, decarboxycarnosine hydrochloride, gamma oryzanol, tocopherol and tocotrienols~~ sunscreen is selected from Avobenzone, dioxybenzone, sulisobenzene, oxybenzone.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The composition of claim 6, wherein the said ~~sunscreen is selected from the group consisting of Titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, octyl methoxycinnamate, octyl salicylate,, Avobenzone, dioxybenzone, sulisobenzene, oxybenzone~~ with one or more of the following natural sunscreen boosters is selected from: ethyl-p-methoxycinnamate, Kaempferia galanga extract, isoamyl-p-methoxycinnamate, pongamol, anacardic acid, ginkgolic acid esters.

Claim 17 (original): The composition of claim 6, wherein the composition is in the form of a cream, lotion, gel and/or oil.

Claim 18 (original): A method of facilitating skin fairness or improving the appearance of the skin, by decreasing melanin synthesis through application of the compositions of claim 6 to areas of the skin with hyperpigmentation, melasma, age spots, freckles.

Claim 19 (original): A method of providing better appearance to the skin under the eyes, neck, armpits and/or removing blemishes / black heads through application of the compositions of claim 6.

Claim 20 (currently amended) : A method of protecting the skin against the adverse effects of environmental factors such as UV rays, smoke or fog, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim ~~15~~ 6.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method of protecting the skin against sun damage and facilitating skin fairness and improved appearance, the method comprising applying to the skin the composition of claim ~~16~~ 6.